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Bay State Gets Rolling



HOW ONE LODGE DID IT

This is the story of one lodge, the Medford (Mass.) Men's Lodge, and how it oversubscribed its quota in the National Memorial Home fund drive. Above, National Chairman John A. Volpe of Winchester, Mass., right, accepts check for \$333, the lodge's quota, from Grand Trustee Olindo Ventola of Revere, district chairman. Looking on are, Vincent Celia, lodge chairman, left, and Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino of Green Harbor. Individual contributions totalling \$175 brought the lodge's contribution to the Sons of Italy Foundation to \$508.



State Rep. Alexander Celli presents contribution of \$10 to General Chairman Volpe.



Peter E. Donadio, Dorchester, state chairman, accepts \$10 contribution from Ward C. Cramer, left.

Campaign Gathers Momentum

National Home Drive

Northwest Lodge Within Reach Of \$3500 Quota

The campaign to raise funds for the National Memorial Home drive is gaining momentum throughout the Order.

Reports coming into the national headquarters for the drive indicate that lodge committees are beginning to hit their stride.

One new development is the appointment of A. Alfred Marcello as Executive Secretary of the fund drive, and Albert A. Maino as his assistant.

Marcello and Maino will coordinate all aspects of the drive under the supervision of General Chairman John A. Volpe of Winchester, Mass.

The Northwest

From The Northwest comes a report by Dr. Nicholas Sarro of Seattle, state chairman and Supreme Trustee, that members have raised 94.5 per cent of the \$3,500 quota for the Sons of Italy Foundation.

Latest figures reported by Dr. Sarro show that \$3,310 has been collected for the Home fund.

Indications are that The Northwest Grand Lodge will be the first Grand Lodge to go "over the top" in the drive.

Andrew C. Bongiorno of Glen Cove, state chairman for New York, reports that his state has raised \$3,274 or 21 per cent of its \$15,000 quota.

Chicago Contribution

Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza of Chicago, chairman of Region No. 3, reports receiving a contribution of \$500 from Maria SS. Del Pozzo Lodge.

First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio of Dorchester, state chairman for Massachusetts, has received contributions totalling \$508 from the Medford Men's Lodge.

Grand Venerable Anthony F...

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Chicago, Ill. . . .



John Demarsico, center, venerable of Maria SS. Del Pozzo Lodge of Chicago, presents his lodge's contribution to the National Memorial Home drive of \$500 to Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, chairman of Region No. 3. At left, is Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella.

Ontario, Canada . . .



Grand Venerable Anthony Farano of Toronto, provincial chairman for Ontario, purchases Pillar of Marble Citation from Nicholas J. Zaffiro of Hamilton, left, co-chairman of the National Home fund drive.

National Home Campaign

Marcello Named Secretary

A. Alfred Marcello, director of OSIA NEWS, has been appointed Executive Secretary of the National Memorial Home fund raising campaign.

Albert A. Maino, managing editor of OSIA NEWS, has been named assistant to Marcello.

A joint announcement of the appointments were made by Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorras of Woburn, Mass., and General Chairman John A. Volpe, of Winchester, Mass.

Volpe will continue to serve as general chairman of the Home

Committee, but will relinquish all administrative details of the fund drive to Marcello and Maino.

Volpe is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Massachusetts and therefore will have to devote his energies towards a successful campaign.

In his statement Brother Volpe said:

"I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Massachusetts. Should I

Order's 55th Anniversary

Turn to Page 3 for a special article on the founding of the Order Sons of Italy in America in June 1905.



Madeline Miceli, state co-chairman, accepts \$25 contribution from John Zamparelli.

DeMartinis Receives \$1,166 for Home Fund

Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis reported contributions totalling \$1,166 for the Sons of Italy Foundation have been received at the Supreme Lodge office in Philadelphia.

Dr. Nicholas Sarro of Seattle, Supreme Trustee and state chairman for The Northwest Grand Lodge, sent \$666 in contributions.

John P. Crisconi of Philadelphia, state chairman for Pennsylvania, sent \$500 to the Supreme Lodge.

All funds collected by state chairmen in the National Memorial Home drive are sent to Brother DeMartinis at the Supreme Lodge headquarters.

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About Public Relations

As organizations go, the Order Sons of Italy in America has had very little experience in the field of public relations. Through the years there have been sporadic attempts at the dissemination of information. But it wasn't until a few years ago that the foundation was laid by the Order to establish a concrete program of public relations.

Other organizations like ours have always laid great emphasis on public relations. And that is the way it should be. Public relations to some means "propaganda," but that is not a correct interpretation. Public relations is an art. It requires know-how. It requires tact. It requires understanding of problems we may be interested in. And it requires coordinated effort.

Profit by Mistakes

Because most of us are new at this problem of public relations we are bound to make mistakes. That is understandable, of course. But we profit by mistakes. We learn from experience on what to do and what not to do.

Even with our limited experience we honestly believe that our campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people," undertaken by the Order about a year ago has been quite successful.

Ours has been a "crash" program, a program designed mostly to focus public attention on an intolerable situation. This problem, we believe, has been brought out into the open.

Now that we have accomplished this point we move to other facets of public relations. These facets will call for more tact in trying to resolve our problems. And here is where coordination looms large.

Policy Matters

It takes time for policy matters on the top level to filter down through the ranks. Because of this it is important that state and local committees concerned with public relations act in close concert with the national committee. In so doing we avoid situations which might prove embarrassing to the Order.

A number of such situations have come to our attention in the past couple of months. Fortunately no harm was done because the individuals concerned had the presence of mind to inform the National Committee on Public Relations of action contemplated. On the surface the action planned on a local level seemed harmless enough, but when fitted in with information in the possession of the office of the national committee the pattern of action planned might have seriously damaged the Order's current

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College Institute Panel Discusses "False" Stereotype

WORCESTER, Mass.—The stereotypes that religion and ethnic groups hold about one another, and the evidences of prejudice and discrimination in American society, highlighted discussions at the second annual institute on the Person and the Common Good held at Assumption College.

One panel discussion centered about the role of some newspapers and television programs in helping to develop false stereotypes.

Specifically mentioned was the television program, "The Untouchables," which was described "as constantly associating Italians with banditry."

The following observation was made by Sol Kolack, New England director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith:

"An explanation given for this sort of thing by mass communications media is that they're only attempting to tell the truth—and that, for instance, during the period covered by the television show in question many of the criminals were of Italian origin," Kolack said. "But it seems to me the producers of such programs should recognize the fact that this is 1960 and that the impact of their material on a present day audience may have effect of destroying good human relations."

campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people."

We are happy to report that when the full picture was made known to the parties involved the proposed course of action on a local level was dropped.

This we say is an excellent example of what coordinated effort can do.

When in doubt about any matter members and officials of the Order should get in touch with the National Committee on Public Relations for a proper exchange of information so that the proper moves can be made.

It will take time, but we are certain that eventually we will have the kind of public relations program that will further enhance the prestige of the Order.

Biagi Discredits Story on "Swindle"

The manner in which our members are now alerted to taking appropriate action when necessary to "defend the good name of the Italian people" is indicated in reports reaching the National Chairman of Public Relations.

For example a few weeks ago the daily newspaper, the *Bulletin of Philadelphia* carried a United Press International story out of Cleveland which quoted U. S. Department of Justice officials as saying that a "big stock swindle" in Cleveland was the "work of the Mafia."

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of the Pennsylvania Order, who is a member of the National Committee on Public Relations, immediately went into action.

Biagi wrote to U. S. Attorney

General William P. Rogers asking whether Department of Justice officials were quoted correctly. Copies of the letter to Rogers were sent to UPI president in New York, the UPI bureau manager in Cleveland and the editor of the *Bulletin*.

Biagi received a quick reply from Malcolm Richard Wilkey, assistant attorney general in the criminal division. Wilkey's letter stated that an investigation failed to show that "any official of this Department," either in Washington or Cleveland, "made such a statement as has been attributed by the wire story."

Later Biagi took up the matter with U. S. Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania. Senator Scott said that he would present a resolution in Congress requesting the Attorney General to instruct members of his department throughout the country not to make statements in crime matters without support of fact.

Favorable Reaction To Abbondandolo Talks

From Florida comes word of favorable reaction to a weekly radio broadcast by Renzo Abbondandolo, a member of the National Committee on Public Relations. Brother Abbondandolo broadcasts Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. over Miami's radio station, WMIE.

Abbondandolo has received scores of letters praising his broadcasts. One typical letter from a listener, Philip Vinci-guerra, follows:

"All members of my family and all friends from Daytona Beach wish to commend you and the Sons of Italy for your successful campaign in defending the good name of the Italian people. It is only by action such as yours that the Order Sons of Italy in America can keep on top of developments for the protection of all Italians. Keep on hammering. God bless you."

Brother Abbondandolo advises the National Committee on Public Relations that he has been asked by the news director of the TV station, Channel 10 of Miami, to appear on a television program which will discuss the book, "What Civilization Owes to Italy." This is the book by Dr. James J. Walsh, author of a score or more publications dealing with various phases of religion, science and education.

This book by Dr. Walsh is undoubtedly available in most public libraries today. We suggest that all our readers who have not as yet read the book to do so.

Coordination Between Order's Committees

An example of coordination between the Order's National Committee on Public Relations and other national committees of the Order is illustrated in a matter concerning a member of a Chicago lodge.

Recently Mrs. Maria Michela Rago wrote to the National Pub-

Editorial From THE PILOT

The Pilot, official publication of the Archdiocese of Boston, recently carried an editorial deplored the current trend of stereotyping Italians as criminals. This is the second Catholic publication to speak out on this important issue. Some weeks ago, *The Catholic Free Press* of Worcester, also commented editorially in the matter. Such support from the Holy Church enhances no end the campaign being waged by the Order to "defend the good name of the Italian people."

A libel against a person is reprehensible enough, but a libel against a whole people multiplies the crime. Even when the libel is a subtle one, it can be effective, and even when unintentional, it can do its damage. The libel we speak of is fast taking on the proportions of a national scandal and very few Americans can fail to be exposed to it. Radio and television, not to mention the theatre and short story, have decided that the criminal in American life must be an Italian.

At the present time the most offensive presentation seems to be on television where violence and crime are getting vastly more than their deserved space. By accent or by name, by suggestion or by specific reference, the gangster, the tough guy, the bookie and the jailbird are all Italians. We have often wondered how those of Italian origin must feel as they watch their nation stereotyped in this libelous way; at least we know that for many of the rest of us, who know something of what Italy has done for Western civilization, the suggestion is revolting.

Is there any other national group that would have put up with this sort of business this long without getting action? We think not. We have noted that Irish protests long ago got rid of "paddy," the buffoon; that Jewish protests long ago disposed of "izzy," the merchant; the Negro protests have killed off "black-face"—and we just wonder how long we are going to have to put up with "tony," the gangster. It is long passed time that this last fellow followed his other friends into oblivion.

Let no one say at this point—"but there are Italian gangsters." The answer to this is a simple affirmative. But there are also gangsters who are English, Irish, Dutch, Jewish, German, Negro and whatever else. No one group has a monopoly on crime any more than a monopoly on virtue. It has never been suggested that each national tradition does not have its proper share of scoundrels; the objection is raised when one group is steadily identified with an offensive stereotype.

What to do about all of this? Every person with a sense of fairness has some responsibility in clearing up the libel we have been speaking of. Italians may feel self-conscious in taking up the cause, just as many Jews feel self-conscious in combatting anti-Semitism. Others in the community, however, who resent the attack that is being made on the reputation of their Italian neighbors, must do something positive to change the habits of the TV scriptwriters.

One clear avenue is to write to the TV stations, who are appropriately sensitive to public opinion, especially when it is reasonable and politely expressed. The second avenue, which sometimes brings even quicker response, is to write to the advertisers who present the offending programs. The last thing that either of these groups wish to have is public opinion offended and a potential buyer alienated from the product they are interested in selling. In the last analysis we will have this problem with us just as long as we do nothing to change it; as soon as we decide that it is worth doing something about, we will have solved it.

lic Relations Committee asking for help in an immigration matter. Her letter was referred to Grand Venerable Samuel A. Culotta, chairman of the National Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Within a few days Brother Culotta dispatched a copy of a letter he had sent to Mrs. Rago to the office of the National Public Relations Committee. Brother Culotta's letter to Mrs. Rago brought her up to date on certain facets of the immigration laws of this country which applied to the case she had inquired about.

ODDS AND ENDS—A number of Grand Lodges have informed the National Committee on Public Relations that they have written to the Italian Consuls in their respective communities. Among these are Cav. Francesco Palleria, Grand Venerable of New Jersey; Atty. Humphrey W. Serritella, Grand Venerable of Illinois, and Dr. Nicholas Sarro, Supreme Trustee of Seattle, Wash.

Downey Lodge of Downey, Calif., is now publishing a lodge bulletin with Roland G. DeRocilli Sr., as the editor. Aside from listing all the social events of

A Case Of Libel

the lodge, the bulletin, called *La Nostra Voce*, makes editorial comment on current events. In one issue Brother DeRocilli wrote about the Order's campaign to defend the good name of the Italian people. Commenting particularly upon the lawful boycott against the TV sponsors of the

"The Noise of Death."

Campanelli Heads Portland, Oregon Lodge No. 1611

PORLAND, Ore. — Samuel Campanelli has been elected Venerable of Portland Lodge No. 1611.

Other officers are, Joseph Paladini, assistant venerable; Carmine Ruscitti, ex-venerable; Jerome Colasunno, orator; Peter Mariani, recording secretary; Carmine Oliverio, financial secretary; Thomas Accettura, treasurer; Aurelio DiMichele, Frank Marasco, Frank Peranzi, Frank Baccilieri, Anthony Gatto, trustees; Louis Passut and Cosimo Accettura, masters of ceremonies, and John Barro, sentinel.

Order Sons Of Italy Founded June 22, 1905

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

Fifty-five years ago this month a small group of pioneer immigrants from Italy met in New York and founded the Order Sons of Italy in America.

A great many things, good and bad, have happened since that memorable day in June. Against the backdrop of two world wars, economic and social upheavals, the Order Sons of Italy in America has justified its existence. And it has done so with dignity and without once straying away from the precepts of our founding fathers—Liberta, Uguaglianza and Fratellanza.

On many fronts we have demonstrated that the Order has been and will continue to be a factor for the "common good." No other group composed of men and women of Italian origin here and abroad can match our accomplishments. And what we have done has pointed up quite effectively that men and women can cherish their origin of MARCELLO birth without compromising their loyalties or affections for the United States.

Order Made Many Contributions

As a group, the Order Sons of Italy in America has made many contributions to the American scene. From our ranks have emerged countless public servants, professional men, men of letters, men of science.

Our members hold high judicial posts throughout the United States. They sit in Congress, they grace several Governor's mansions. In all fields of public life they have reflected great credit on the some 20 million Americans with Italian roots. And as time passes we are certain they will bring even greater glory to "our people."



We repeat, no other organization with Italian roots can match our record of accomplishments. Ours has been a constant battle to guard our heritage. No other organization can match our record where immigration matters are concerned. Nor can any similar organization match our record of generosity to the Italian people in the form of food, clothing, medicine. And what other organization can point to a public relations program to "defend the good name of the Italian people."

Also we are the only organization that had the courage to speak out during World War II to institute a program to better the lot of Italian prisoners of war in the United States. And we did this in the face of bitter criticism from other groups in this country.

And what other organization similar in make-up to the Order Sons of Italy in America sent representatives to Paris in 1946 during the peace talks in an attempt to win better terms for Italy?

These are only a few items in our long list of accomplishments. There is also the orphanage at Cassino—a memorial to the American soldiers who died in the liberation of Italy. This was the first drive for funds ever attempted on a national scale by the Order.

And now there is the Sons of Italy Foundation, a project which is certain to enhance our prestige not only here but abroad.

Growth of the Order

Looking back 55 years it is doubtful that Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro of New York City and his associates ever dreamed that the Order would assume the proportions that it has today.

Certainly they could not possibly envision that the day would come when the Order would be in a position to build a National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Sellaro became the first Supreme Venerable of the Order when the certificate of incorporation was registered at Albany, N. Y., on June 22, 1905. And so for all practical purposes June 22 is the day we officially observe as "founding day" in the Order.

With Dr. Sellaro the signers of the certificate of incorporation were:

Ludovico Ferrara, first Supreme Financial Secretary. Prof. Giuseppe I. Carlini, first Supreme Treasurer. Roberto Merlo, first "Revisore Supremo." Michael Rini and Pietro Viscardi.

Rini was from Brooklyn and the others all from New York City.

Yes, we have come a long way since June 1905, but we still have a long way to go.

Greater Need for Order Today

There was a need for an organization like ours back in 1905, but the need seems even greater today than it was 55 years ago.

So far we have not failed our "founding fathers." And it would be unthinkable that we will in the near or distant future.

One way we can demonstrate our faith in what the Order stands for is to see that nothing is left undone to make the Sons of Italy Foundation and the National Memorial Home a reality soon.

As a member you can show your love for the Order by digging down into your pockets and coming up with a \$5.00 contribution to the Sons of Italy Foundation.

We say what we have said before—what member among us can't afford a five dollar bill in this day and age? If every member would make a \$5.00 donation our drive would be over in no time at all.

Think it over. Show your faith in those pioneers who lit the torch of liberty, equality and fraternity on June 22, 1905.

Dig down for that \$5.00 contribution and do it now.

Judge Assails Complacency

Forte Scores TV Shows

SWAMPSCOTT, MASS.—In strong blunt language, Judge Felix Forte in a speech here lashed out at the complacency of Americans in protecting rights of the individual.

Judge Forte, past Supreme Venerable of the Order Sons of Italy in America, who gained national prominence as "the Brink's judge" when he presided at the "million dollar robbery" trial, spoke before 1500 members of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs.



practically every creed and nationality."

He deplored the fact that the Italian people bear the brunt of blame for allegedly producing a bumper crop of criminals. "Nothing could be further from the truth, but the know-it-alls attempt to support this contention by claiming that most criminals deported to their native lands are deported to Italy.

"The truth of the matter is that the majority of the small number of criminals deported to Italy came here as youngsters, even infants. If they were schooled in the college of crime then the institution of their learning was the United States," he declared, "and furthermore, most of them, I am told, can't read or speak a word of Italian."

Judge Forte, who used the "Mafia" trend as a weakening factor in democracy, also said that "Americans are having self-doubts and are rapidly developing an inferiority complex."

Raeta Speaks On Campaign At Inglewood

INGLEWOOD, Calif.—Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta urged members of the California Order to give full cooperation to the Order's campaign to uphold and defend the good name of the Italian people throughout the country.

Raeta was principal speaker at a banquet at which he and two Grand Lodge officers from Southern California were honored by the United Lodges of Los Angeles.

Plaques were presented to Raeta and Grand Trustee Frank DiLiberto. Second Assistant Grand Venerable Daniel D'Amico, also honored, was unable to attend because of illness.

To illustrate his point Judge Forte called attention to the wave of crime shows on television.

"I have in mind," Judge Forte stated, "television programs which persist in branding criminals with the label, 'member of the Mafia.'"

"There is no Mafia. I know and you know that there is an organized criminal group, a syndicate, engaged in crime, but it is not composed of one particular race."

"America is a land of but one people fathered from many countries," he continued. "There is no one color, no one religion, no one racial antecedent. At least 48 different racial strains contributed to the making of Americans. And so it is unfortunately true that some of these factors are found in the criminal of today—and yesterday."

The speaker added, "If you were to visit the correctional institution at Walpole, you would find not one race behind bars—you would find representatives of

Catholic Press Assists Campaign

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn.—

A. Alfred Marcello, speaking in his capacity as Public Relations Chairman, told members of Pietro Micca Lodge that the Order is receiving strong support to defend the good name of Americans of Italian descent from the Catholic press.

He referred to recent editorials which have appeared in the Catholic Free Press of the Worcester, Mass., Diocese, and The Pilot of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Both publications deplored the constant stereotyping on television of criminals as Italians, he said.

"The Order established a Committee on Public Relations to combat this unfavorable publicity to our people and we have been conducting this fight for more than a year now," he said.

"Not one single law enforcement agency," he said, "has ever been able to produce a shred of evidence that such an organization as the Mafia does exist in this country."

Marcello said that television producers are largely responsible because of the vast audience they are able to reach.

Lashing out against the television series, The Untouchables, Marcello said:

"This series is tampering with history. The present generation absorbs this entertainment and forms an opinion. Viewers accept it as the gospel truth when in essence it is the most flagrant example of theatrical license being taken that we know of. It no longer is possible to differentiate between fact and fiction."

Claire Booth Luce Speaks Out

Criticizes TV Industry

Mrs. Claire Booth Luce, former U. S. Ambassador to Italy, has a reputation for speaking bluntly. She demonstrated this in an article published in The Sunday Herald of Bridgeport, Conn.

Mrs. Luce was quite caustic in her appraisal of current television programs and she made it quite plain that she believes that TV viewers should "strike" against offensive programs.

Her major weapon would be what she aptly describes as "tune-out strikes" against the offending program. She considers the current crop of TV programs as "shoddy, stupid and materialistic, and at the worst brutal, sadistic and criminal."

Mrs. Luce believes that all TV fans should write to their representatives in Congress and demand that the U. S. government recognize the minority's rights in

the airways and its preferences for "good" programs.

Mrs. Luce would even go further. She suggests that television viewers talk with their pastors and with officials of the various civic groups asking them to join in the protests to members of Congress.

She also suggests that whenever TV viewers see an offensive program on TV they raise hob with the local station telecasting the program.

The former ambassador submits that it is the viewer's right and duty to protest and the government's duty to "straighten things out," so long as the television industry shows no inclination to clean up program material.

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Grand Lodge Holds Conference

WELLAND, Ont.—More than 100 persons attended the first in a series of Instruction Conferences held in the Casa Dante. Grand Venerable Anthony Farano of Toronto, presided.

This was the first meeting of its kind sponsored by the Ontario Grand Lodge. Grand Administrative Secretary Mrs. Josephine Lavey of Welland was in charge of arrangements for the one-day conference.

Purpose

The purpose of the conference was to instruct lodge committee chairmen on their specific assignments and to more closely coordinate the function of the local lodge with that of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge committee chairmen addressing the meeting were, Mrs. Lavey, public relations; Thomas Tronzo of Thorold, membership; Louis Ranalli of Hamilton, citizenship and immigration; Nicholas J. Zaffiro of Hamilton, education, scholarship and culture, and Russell Romanelli, bylaws and rituals.

A letter on the subject of immigration from the Hon. Ellen Fairclough, minister of citizenship and immigration, who was unable to attend, was read at the conference.

Fifteen Lodges Represented

Members of Dante Lodge No. 19 were hosts to delegates from Ontario's 15 lodges. A smorgasbord was served at the close of the conference.

Lodges represented were, Verdi's Men's Lodge No. 1, Sault Ste. Marie; Gabriele D'Annunzio Lodge No. 2, Thorold; Principe Umberto Lodge No. 3, St. Catharines; Trieste Lodge, No. 4; Ham-

ilton; Marconi Lodge No. 5, Niagara Falls; Ontario Lodge No. 6, Toronto; Princess Marie Jose, Lodge No. 9, Sault Ste. Marie; Niagara Lodge No. 11, Niagara Falls; Fiorente Lodge No. 12, Toronto; Roma Lodge No. 13, Hamilton; Patronato Lodge No. 15, Toronto; Dante Lodge, Welland; Rossini Lodge No. 18, Brantford; Imperia Lodge No. 24, Hamilton, and Aurora Lodge No. 26, Galt.



CHAIRMEN AT ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Committee chairmen speaking at the instruction conference conducted by the Ontario Grand Lodge were, from left to right, Thomas Tronzo, membership; Russell Romanelli, by-laws; Grand Venerable Anthony Farano, presiding officer; Grand Administrative Secretary Mrs. Josephine Lavey, public relations; Nicholas J. Zaffiro, scholarship, education and culture, and Louis Ranalli, citizenship and immigration.



ITALIAN CONSUL GENERAL HONORED AT SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

Italian Consul General Francesco DeRege, seated center, was honored on his visit to Sault Ste. Marie by members of Giuseppe Verdi Lodge No. 1 and Princess Marie Jose Lodge No. 9. The reception, open to the Italian community, was held in the Verdi hall. Seated, left to right, Mrs. Catherine Scarfone, Mrs. Mary Filipich, Mrs. John Piramoli, Mrs. Carmel Cushley; Consul DeRege; Mrs. Leonardi Fera; Mrs. Elizabeth Perugini, Mrs. Erminio Bianchi and Mrs. Anthony Saro; standing, left to right, Pietro Vonazzo, Frank Ubriaco, Rosario Pizzari, B. Fera, A. Luciani, Lido Christian, Anthony Sarlo, Leo Fera, F. Seccareccia, Eugene Morelli, Louis Bumacco, Fiorindo Ardito and S. Carlucci. Consul DeRege appointed I. A. Vannini as vice consul for the Sault Ste. Marie district.



INSTALLATION AT CORNING, N. Y.

New officers of the Italian-American Women's lodge installed recently were seated, left to right, Mrs. Joseph Daniels, Hornell, grand deputy and installing officer; Mrs. Domenick Asiello, outgoing venerable; Mrs. Francis A. Philip, venerable; Miss Josephine Carretto, venerable of Hornell Lodge; standing, left to right, Mrs. Peter Tennenini, trustee; Mrs. Aldo Tobia, trustee; Mrs. Philip Ferratella, treasurer; Mrs. Michael Cristafano, orator; Mrs. Harold Hills, financial secretary; Mrs. John Baldini, sentinel; Mrs. Mary Sorge; Mrs. Anthony Speciale, trustee; Mrs. Nazareno Mizzoni, mistress of ceremony; Mrs. Frank Picarazzi, assistant venerable; Mrs. Frank Astolfi, mistress of ceremony, and Mrs. Louis Ferraro, recording secretary.

Racine, Wis. Lodges Installed

RACINE, Wis.—Officers of Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Lodge were installed at a dinner meeting. More than 100 persons attended.

Grand Deputy Dominic Posterino and Joseph Cefalu, herald, presided.

Roma Lodge officers seated, Ralph Nicotera Jr., venerable; Russell Misseurilli, assistant ven-

erable; Frank Romano, ex-venerable; Lawrence Presta, orator. Stanley Litrenta, recording secretary; Frank Cetrano, financial secretary; Ralph Mazzei, treasurer; Joseph Fazzari, Ralph Nicotera Sr., Joseph Arnone, Edward Domanico and Santo DeRose, trustees; Sam Pulice and Phil Litrenta, masters of ceremony; Val Malfara, sentinel. Vittoria Colonna Lodge officers, Mrs. Frank Romano, ven-

Chicago Lodge 35th Birthday

CHICAGO—Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella was principal speaker at the 35th annual dinner-dance sponsored by Chicago Lawn Lodge No. 1693.

Guests were Grand Recording Secretary Vito Signorile and Grand Trustee Dominick M. Alberti. Arthur Manfredi was toastmaster.

The committee: Russell Ardizzone, chairman; Joseph Ardizzone, James Rumore, Joseph DeLisi, Venerable Matt Luparello; Louis Manfredi, Frank Baggio, Alphonso Vitello, Felix Vitello, Dolores Luparello, Frances Ardizzone, Flor-Ann Manfredi, Lillian Vitello, Bertha Tornatore and Marie Rumore.

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Dedicate New Lodge Building

By ALBERT A. MAINO

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn.—Members of Pietro Micca Lodge No. 744 realized an ambition of long standing when more than 400 members and friends joined with Grand Lodge officers and civic leaders in the dedication of their new lodge home.

Rev. John B. Giuliani, curate at St. Mary's Church, blessed the new home at ceremonies held prior to the inaugural banquet and grand opening.

Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott, building program chairman, who served as toastmaster, expressed his admiration for the initiative and drive displayed by the members in realizing their goal.

Marcello Speaker

A. Alfred Marcello of Worcester, Mass., Executive Secretary of the National Memorial Home fund drive and director of OSIA NEWS, was principal speaker.

Other speakers were, Mayor John Shostak, the Rev. Fr. Fred Constantino, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Bridgeport; Venerable Antonio Ciarletto, and Assistant Venerable Mrs. Mary Bria and Louis P. Marino, a member of the lodge, who was the building contractor.

Guests were Mrs. Chariott, Mrs. Shostak, Albert A. Maino of Worcester, Mass., managing editor of OSIA NEWS, and John Vigilio.

Brothers Marino and Vigilio were cited by the lodge for their untiring efforts in the construction of the new home.

Team Effort

Lodge officials attribute the success of the project to team effort.

For a number of years lodge members discussed the possibility of building their own home. They were faced with a number of problems, chief among them, finances.

Finally in February, 1957 a committee was selected by Venerable Ciarletto to negotiate and purchase property on Concord street from Mrs. Helen A. Marella.

Venerable Ciarletto appointed Chariott, the present Grand Venerable, as general chairman of the building program.

Plans were made for a three-phase fund raising drive and Chariott selected Judge Alfred Santaniello as the chairman. Within two weeks \$10,000 was collected and many of the members made outright gifts to the lodge.

The second appeal, headed by George DiScala, was made to the Italian residents of Norwalk. Then followed the third and final phase, an appeal to merchants and manufacturers.

Plans Approved

Brother Marino was selected as general contractor and he drew his own plans which met with the approval of the membership.

Ground was broken in August 1959. The labor was donated by the members and some non-members. One of these non-members was John Vigilio, who joined Marino in the early stages of construction, and in January of this year became a member of the lodge.

The majority of the work was done on weekends. During the week, however, two men stayed on, Marino and Vigilio. To them, as to the many others that assisted, it had become a labor of

love. The members worked on into the cold winter months, and the building began to take form.

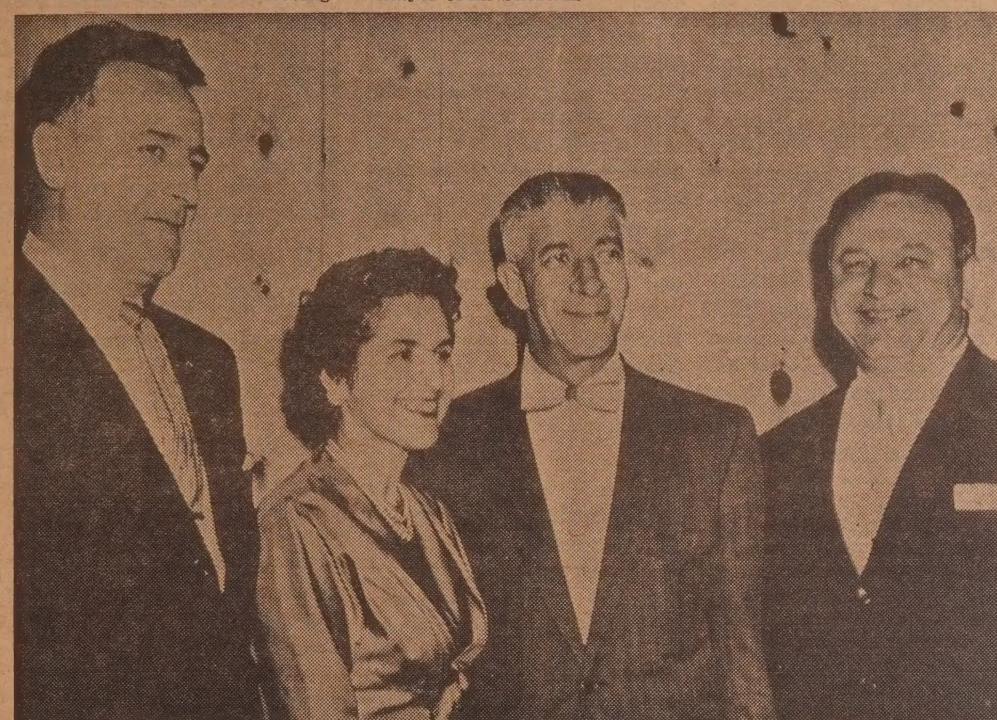
Women Also Help

While the male members, masons, carpenters, electricians, plumbers and helpers labored on, the women did not remain idle. Throughout the entire period of construction, some eight months, the women were on hand serving



PRINCIPALS AT SOUTH NORWALK DEDICATION

From left to right, Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott of South Norwalk; A. Alfred Marcello of Worcester, Mass., Executive Secretary of the National Memorial Home fund drive, and Mayor John Shostak.



From left to right, Venerable Antonio Ciarletto, Assistant Venerable Mrs. Mary Bria, Louis P. Marino, building contractor, and John Vigilio. Both Marino and Vigilio were honored for their efforts in the completion of the home.

coffee and food they had prepared at home.

The work completed, the members took a long, proud look at their accomplishment . . . a fire-proof, one story building measuring 50 by 80 feet.

The interior includes a spacious kitchen, complete with modern equipment, a cocktail lounge, coatroom, ladies' and men's lavatories, shower, and an auditorium-dining hall combination which measures 50 feet by 60 feet and has a seating capacity of over 400 persons. The building is heated by a forced hot air system, and has a public address system.

The following members assisted in making the new home possible:

Louis P. Marino, Louis G. Marino, Joseph Cea, Jack Vigilio, William Bria, Edward J. Bonello, Anthony Salvato, Irving Cote, Antonio Ciarletto, Joseph Bilardi, Elvinio Giacomini, Anthony Sabato, Nicholas Sabato, Gabriel "Bobby" Marino, Edward Scarpone, Robert Menden, Joseph D'Ambrosi, John Joe Marino, Peter Berardino, Robert Bria, Joseph Lupino, Joseph Spano, Vincent Morabito, Patsy L. Bria, Frank Conte, Frank Lombardi, James Lombardi, Joseph Madafari, Edwin T. Chariott, Herman "Bud" Cingue, George Cinque, Louis Falcone, Charles Chariott Jr. and Anthony J. Chariott.

The legal work is being done by Judge Santaniello and Atty. Francis DiScala.

Champion of Liberty

U. S. Stamp to Honor Giuseppe Garibaldi

The United States Post Office Department has announced that Giuseppe Garibaldi, noted Italian patriot, will become the seventh person to be honored by the United States through its stamps as a "Champion of Liberty," when 4 and 8-cent stamps are first placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on November 7, 1960.

Recognition of Garibaldi as a "Champion of Liberty" has come about through efforts advanced by the Order Sons of Italy in America.

The Order's Committee on Public Relations in 1959 assigned Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo of Wilmington, Del., the task of submitting the names of Christopher Columbus and Giuseppe Garibaldi to the United States Post Office Department for consideration in the "Champion of Liberty" series.

Errigo, in a report last year to the Public Relations Committee, stated that the names had been submitted and that the Post Office would take possible action on the Italian patriot in 1959 or 1960.

The announcement to honor Garibaldi was released in a prepared statement by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. The release date, May 11, coincided with the 100th anniversary

of Garibaldi's landing with his thousand men in Marsala, Sicily.

Postmaster General Summerfield said:

"One hundred years ago today, Garibaldi and his thousand men landed in Marsala, Sicily. He had set sail from Genoa, embarked on a daring expedition that proved to be one of the key steps toward the unification of Italy. Garibaldi's dramatic campaign culminated six months later in the addition of all Sicily and southern Italy to the new Italian state.

"A fighter for freedom not only in Europe, but also in Latin America; a born leader of men, and a patriot who unhesitatingly risked his life time and again for the United Italy in which he passionately believed, Garibaldi was a true 'Champion of Liberty.'

Details as to the design, colors, quantities and servicing of first day covers will be announced later.

Speaker Asks Support For Home Drive

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn.—A. Alfred Marcello, Executive Secretary of the National Memorial Home fund drive, was principal speaker at the dedication of the new home of Pietro Micca Lodge No. 744.

He said in part:

"The success of this drive is completely dependent upon the cooperation and the initiative of the lodges and the membership.

"As John A. Volpe, general chairman for the drive has said, 'The heart of this drive is the rank and file member of the Order. He is the backbone—it is his feeling of wanting to give, of wanting to go out and raise funds that will make our project a successful one.'

"We want each member to feel that he is an integral part, that his modest contribution helped to put the last marble block in place at our National Memorial Home."

"If each member of the Order contributed \$5 to the Foundation we would realize practically all of our goal in a short period of time.

"Form your lodge committee and make it each committed member's responsibility to contact only 10 members within the lodge.

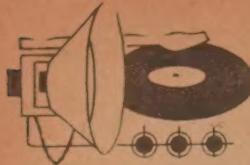
"It is a simple but effective way to raise money for the Foundation. Any alert lodge with an alert membership should be able to solicit its entire membership within a week or ten days at the most.

"You have reason to be proud of your accomplishment in building this magnificent home."

"And we are certain you will be equally as proud of your efforts in building a National Home in the nation's capital."

Portsmouth, Va. Lodge Officers

PORPSMOUTH, Va.—Officers of Cornelia Lodge No. 1096 are Florence Ottavio, venerable; Marie Marlino, assistant venerable; Angeline Hughes, ex-venerable; Marie Lepore, orator; Lucy Faccenda, recording secretary; Filomena Holland, financial secretary; Nello Coles, treasurer; Theresa Sciscent, Ann Falcone, Catherine Arcese, Josephine Faunda, Edith Faunda, trustees; Mary Martinetti, master of ceremony; Marie Foltz, sentinel.



RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

Enough time has now elapsed since the advent of stereo to make a proper assessment of two-channel recordings (stereo) as contrasted with a single channel (mono) LP disc.

There is no question that stereo recording has opened up broad vistas in music-listening and that great strides have been made by the various recording companies in the production of stereo discs.

But judging from some releases we have heard lately there are some recording companies who have as yet to master the art of stereo recording. Some stereo recordings coming off the production line certainly leave much to be desired. In fact the record buyer would do well to steer clear of these so-called stereo records and settle for the mono or conventional hi-fi releases.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that London Records has the inside track in stereo recordings. Somehow London engineers seem to have the know-how to constantly turn out top-drawer stereo discs. There have been a few exceptions, of course, but these have been few and far between.

Most notable of stereo recordings by London have been the operas and the classics. London made history a year or so ago with the complete recording of the Wagner opera, *DAS RHEINGOLD* and more recently added to its laurels with the magnificent recording of Verdi's *AIDA*.

We have heard a number of mono or single-channel discs which cry out for stereo. We have arrived at this conclusion by playing both the mono and stereo versions of particular releases. By comparison it is possible to say that one is better than the other.

For example, we prefer the stereo version of the Vox release, *GREETINGS FROM ITALY* to the mono disc. We reviewed *GREETINGS FROM ITALY* in this column last month and at the time we pointed out that this is the type of a recording that is greatly enhanced by stereo.

In the past year or so we have reviewed scores of piano recordings and have found that this is one area where stereo is not too effective. And here the audiophile would be happier by buying the mono disc rather than the stereo version. This is because today's record buyer comes to expect a great deal more from a stereo disc than the mono version and is keenly disappointed when he finds that there is very little difference between the two.

We do not flatly say that all stereo recordings of piano music have been disappointing. There are exceptions, of course. And for the most these exceptions are piano concertos. Stereo does wonders with these recordings because of orchestral accompaniment. Here two-channel recording usually provides lush and realistic sound.

The London recording of *BETTHOVEN'S CONCERTO NO. 4 IN G MAJOR FOR PIANO AND ORCHESTRA* is a good case in point.

This is the recording featuring that remarkable pianist Wilhelm Backhaus with Hans Schmidt-Isserstedt conducting the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. The mono recording is so good that you'll wonder how any improvement is possible. But play the stereo version and notice the difference. And there is a

DIFFERENCE because stereo gives the production, a broadness and depth in sound that can only come from good two-channel reproduction.

And while we are on the subject of stereo versus mono we would like to repeat what we have said previously that another case where stereo works wonders is in the recording of operas.

Stereo gives a "live performance" quality to opera. This obtains more so in the production of complete operas than it does in a recording of a soloist singing arias from various operas. An excellent example is the London recording *RENATA TEBALDI SINGS VERDI*. We were hard put to choose between the stereo and mono versions because of the excellence of both recordings. This is one case of where "you pays your money and takes your choice."

CESARE SIEPI RECITAL

Opera lovers will find much pleasure in the new London recording *CESARE SIEPI OPERATIC RECITAL*. Siepi is at his best here. His magnificent voice certainly does full justice to arias from *La Gioconda*, *La Forza Del Destino*, *Mefistofele* and *Il Barbiere Di Siviglia*.

There is not a dull spot in this entire recording. But if we are to make a choice we found Siepi's superb bass particularly effective in the *Barbiere* and *Forza Del Destino* selections.

The stereo sound is exceptionally good.

TERESA BERGANZA ALBUM

Teresa Berganza the Spanish mezzo provides delightful entertainment in the new London release *TERESA BERGANZA SINGS SPANISH SONGS*. The vocal range of this mezzo soprano is nothing short of amazing. She is colorful and dynamic and seems to be at home no matter what she may be singing. Her repertoire numbers some of the most popular songs of Spain.

The accompaniments are clear and firm and London's stereo sound is bright and full.

MANTOVANI'S LATEST

SONGS TO REMEMBER is Mantovani's latest release on the London label. This is typically Mantovani cascading strings which makes for delightful listening.

The selections include *Tenderly*, *With These Hands*, *Far Away Places*, *Gigi*, *When I Fall In Love*, *No Other Love*, *Two Different Worlds* and *Tonight*.

London announces that the Venice born maestro will come to the United States in October for his fifth tour of this country. By then *SONGS TO REMEMBER* should be well on its way sales-wise setting new records for a Mantovani album.

Sinatra Stars In Capitol's Can Can Album

Capitol Records has a gem in the sound track recording of the Cole Porter production *CAN CAN*. This is the production

which stars Frank Sinatra, Shirley MacLane, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jourdan.

We heard the mono release and it's so good that frankly we don't see how the stereo version could be any better.

SINATRA

The singing is quite good. Sinatra is his old self in this one. He sings quite easily and seems to have control throughout, something he doesn't seem to have in his TV appearances these days. The last time we heard Sinatra on TV his voice sounded tired and he seemed to be straining. In *CAN CAN*, however, he sustains his notes like the Frankie of old.

The music is refreshing. The top numbers are: *Come Along With Me*, *It's All Right With Me*, *I Love Paris*, *Just One of Those Things* and *Let's Do It*.

BEETHOVEN'S SEVENTH

Exceptional is the word for mono version of Georg Solti's recording of *BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONY NO. 7 IN A MAJOR OPUS 92*. Back in March we reviewed the stereo recording by Solti and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. The two-channel recording we found tops in sound, but we do not hesitate in recommending the mono disc to those who have not as yet converted their hi-fi equipment to stereo.

The playing is first-rate and the sound quite effective for a mono disc.

1960 Olympic Games in Rome

ROME—This summer's Olympic games in Rome will be rounded out with several shows not usually on Olympic schedule.

From Gubbio and neighboring towns in the upper Tiber Valley will come the balestrieri to compete against each other with their medieval crossbows, an event that they have been staging yearly in their home town for

going on nine hundred years. From Ascoli Piceno and from Foligno, "Knights in armor" will travel to Rome to run the Quintana, a joust in which the galloping player runs his spear through a small hoop or ring held by a "Giant". (A wooden figure which swings round and clubs the horseman on the head if he should hit the arm holding the ring rather than pierce the ring itself).

Florence and Pisa are sending to Rome their Gioco del Calcio and Gioco del Ponte respectively—two medieval games played in costume every year in those cities.

All in all, Rome will be gay with costumes, as well as with white-shirted athletes, when the Olympic fire starts burning, August next.

Supreme Chaplain's Corner

God's Mercy

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

A certain penitent kneeling in the confessional had just finished enumerating his sins which were numerous and some even horrible. The priest-confessor who thought he had heard everything in his thirty years of priesthood was shocked. Wanting to impress the penitent with the seriousness of his sins and hoping to elicit from him a deeper sense of repentance, he tried to shock him in turn by saying: "You don't love God!" After a brief pause, during which the priest could hear soulful sobs from the penitent, he was jolted out of his seat by this rejoinder: "I know—but, God loves me!"

Peter denied Our Lord, but Our Lord did not deny Peter. The thief crucified with Christ cursed Him, but Christ did not curse the thief. No matter how many or grievous our sins may have been, there is still room for hope of forgiveness. God's Mercy is greater than our sins. We have but to ask for it as the penitent did in declaring God's love for him, obviously implying his sorrow for having sinned against God; or, as the thief on the cross did when he said: "Remember me, Lord, when You come into Your kingdom," a true confession of faith in the divinity of Christ and in His loving Mercy.

If Christ had a word of forgiveness for His very crucifiers, ("Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"); and if He forgave the thief and Magdalene and Peter, why not the sinner? "For I have come not to call the just, but sinners." (Mark 2:17).

"Thy sins are forgiven . . . This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

Let no one ever despair of God's Mercy!



FR. PALLOTTA

Bargain Albums

Top Buys This Month

CLASSICAL — At \$1.98 you can't go wrong with Telefunkens new release of Tchaikovsky's Capriccio Italien and Liszt's Les Preludes performed by the Symphony Orchestra of the Belgian National Radio with Franz Andre conducting.

We have a score or more recordings of Capriccio Italien in our collection. They are both in stereo and mono. These number some of the best known orchestras in the world today, but we must confess that this Telefunken recording intrigues us no end. It's a good workman-like job by a competent conductor and an excellent ensemble of musicians.

Peter Katin is one of our favorite pianists. In a new release for Richmond — Grieg's Piano Concerto In A Minor and Litolff's Scherzo's from Concerto Symphonique, Opus 102, Katin displays his usual sensitive artistry. This is a mono recording at the customary Richmond label price of \$1.98. A good addition to anyone's collection.

POPULAR — Frank Chackfield and His Orchestra in a new album Ebb Tide which is distinguished not only by the smooth, easy rhythm of Chackfield's top-notch band, but also by some of the best sound we have heard on a mono release in some time. On Richmond label.

The selections played are Ebb Tide, Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, Boulevard of Broken Dreams, Love by Starlight, Among My Souvenirs, Limelight, Red Sails in the Sunset, Autumn Leaves, I Only Have Eyes For You and Deep Purple.

A top buy at \$1.98. (Mono)

Also on Richmond label is the London Theater Company production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music. This is the full stage production by the London Theater Company. It doesn't stack up to the Columbia recording with the original Broadway cast or the Warner Bros. release featuring the Trapp Family. Price-wise, however, this Richmond label certainly has the advantage at \$1.98. (Mono)

Italian Cultural Series

ROME — The various arts, crafts, professions and callings in and of our day are the subjects of a series of books written each by a well known journalist and edited by Giovanni Grazzini, a feature writer of "La Nazione" of Florence. The time-honored house of Vallecchi of Florence is publishing the series.

The first to appear are the volumes on "The Judge", "The Chemist", and "The Actor". They will be followed by "The Dancer", "The Policeman", "The Nun", "The Saleswoman", "The Sailor" and a host of others.

The books have been purposefully commissioned to journalists rather than to members of the various professions in order to get an outsider's point of view. Journalists will also more easily

give the books the reporter's touch of readability. Still, no journalist will envy Giorgio Perugini's task of having to dig up material for his book on "The Nun".

Home Fund Support Urged

SKOKIE, Ill. — Grand Trustee Dominick M. Alberti, state publicity chairman, urged members of Skokie Valley Lodge No. 2046 to contribute to the success of the National Memorial Home fund drive.

Alberti outlined the advantages to be gained by the Order in having a national home in Washington, D. C.

What They Say About Sons of Italy Foundation

The following letters have been received from individuals making contributions to the Sons of Italy Foundation.

A SMALL CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE

Dear Brother Marcello:

In reading your excellent article on the Sons of Italy Foundation in the May issue I couldn't help but think how lax I was by not sending in my contribution. I immediately made out a check which is enclosed.

After reading your article it seemed to me but a small contribution to make to such a worthy cause. The Sons of Italy Foundation will add immeasurably to the prestige and welfare of the Order Sons of Italy in America. It is my wish that every member of the Order throughout the United States and Canada will make his or her \$5 contribution to insure the success of the National Memorial Home fund drive in the shortest time possible.

Charles Yacuzzi
Shrewsbury, Mass.

HOPES THAT OTHERS WILL FOLLOW

Dear Mr. Marcello:

Your article in the OSIA NEWS regarding the Sons of Italy Foundation has interested me very much. I deeply admire your sincerity in trying to create a better understanding among and for the Italians.

This prompts me to send you my donation of \$5 which you suggested and I hope that every individual may do the same.

For personal reasons I haven't been a member of this organization for years, but I feel by sending you my contribution I shall become a part of this movement, and truly proud to be an Italian.

In addition to the \$5, I am sending \$1 to help support your little journal which has been coming to my husband who has been a member for about 30 years. Thank you and my best wishes to you always.

Tina Carriuolo,
Brockton, Mass.

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rano of Toronto, provincial chairman for Ontario, has purchased a Pillar of Marble Citation to get the drive underway in Ontario.

Reports from many areas of the country indicate that members are purchasing the \$5 paper Marble Block.

Executive Secretary Marcello has stressed that a \$5 contribution to the Sons of Italy Foundation is little enough to make to what is without question the most important project in the Order's 55-year history.

"The Order's goal of \$400,000 would be realized within a very limited time if each member were to make his purchase of a \$5 Marble Block," he said, adding, "we urge that they make their contribution now."

Northwest Order Nears Quota

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Grand Lodge of The Northwest is the first Grand Lodge to top the 90 per cent mark in the drive for funds for the National Memorial Home.

Dr. Nicholas Sarro, Supreme Trustee of Seattle, and state chairman for Washington, Oregon and Idaho, in his report to National Home headquarters, stated that 94.5 per cent or \$3310 of his \$3500 quota has been raised.

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be successful in getting the nomination, I then will be involved in an all-out campaign for the Governorship in November.

"It is because of this that I announce that I no longer will be able to actively continue to direct the operations of the National Memorial Home Campaign. The drive, as you know, is of the greatest importance to the Order and its success is dependent upon constant directorship and attention to detail. The drive at present is in its infancy, though a great deal of effort has already gone into it.

"At a meeting with Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorras, and with the approval of my Executive Committee, we have agreed that I should continue to serve

A History of the Order Sons of Italy in America

The Man And The Project

By SUPREME FINANCIAL SECRETARY A. A. DEMARTINIS

Most readers of OSIA NEWS know, of course, that the Order has given its approval to the publication of a history of the Order Sons of Italy in America. The author is Ernest L. Biagi, Grand Secretary of the Pennsylvania Order.

Ernest Biagi and the Order are synonymous. He is that well known throughout the Order.

Many are the years that Biagi has devoted to the Order. To the Sons of Italy he has given his brilliant mind — his ability as an organizer, as a writer and columnist.

Those who know Biagi well, know that his habitual calm

DEMARTINIS and composure disappear — even though his emotions are always kept under strict control — only when the good name and discipline of the Order are at stake.

For many years Biagi has been gathering precious material for a history of the Order so that some day the full story could be told of the Sons of Italy — the tears and the sorrows and the work and accomplishments of its members.

Biagi's work has been that of making the Order better known to its members, his dream that of bringing it to the attention of new groups, new circles, so that it would entice new individuals to join the Order and help them develop a love for the Sons of Italy to the same extent that the faithful older members now feel for it. The renovation of the Order — in the sense that would welcome new younger groups — would give a certain assurance that the Order will continue to exist for generations to come and, moreover, the history of the Order gathered in book-form would set an example to the new groups.

Who's Who Section

In addition to the history, the book of Brother Biagi's dream would include the "Who's Who in the Order" that would present the best elements, presently members of the Order. Thinking in terms of generations to come the "Who's Who" would not only represent the best elements of the Order, but the immigrants who through struggle, perseverance and sacrifice, succeeded in making a place for themselves in a new and often hostile surrounding and, better still, opened the way to their own children, a way that their sufferings and determination contributed made smoother, easier and less heart-breaking than their own. They well succeeded in this fight for survival and today what better homage could be paid them than to allow them to perpetuate their names with the history of the Order and gather in the "Who's Who" the names of those members who have attained the best places in society, thanks to their own will and their father's hard work!

How many times have we heard some of our elders say: "In my time we had to fight for a living!" or: "In my time, we could not have resided in that neighborhood!" and many more significant expressions that give us a glimpse of the humiliation, discrimination and hard work they had to face. Imagine their own satisfaction and that of their children in opening a book such as "The Purple Aster," read the biographies of many members and encounter among them indi-

Ernest Biagi—Man of Many Parts

Few men in the Order today enjoy the prestige that Ernest L. Biagi does. He has long held the post of Grand Recording Secretary of Pennsylvania and has long been the "work-horse" of the Order in Pennsylvania. But his contributions to the Order as a whole encompass many fields. He is a familiar figure in the top councils of Order Sons of Italy in America. To him has been entrusted the prodigious task of compiling a history of the Order soon to be published under the title of "The Purple Aster." What are the reasons behind the publications? A. A. DeMartinis, Supreme Financial Secretary, who has been closely associated with Biagi for many years, gives some of the answers in the article on this page.



BIAGI

About "The Purple Aster"

Some Pertinent Facts

BACKGROUND — "The Purple Aster" has the approval of the Supreme Council of the Order. The author is Ernest L. Biagi, Grand Recording Secretary of Pennsylvania. The book will be published by Veritas Publishers of New York City. The book will contain a complete history of the Order since its inception as well as a "Who's Who" section.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS — All funds received in payment from those who subscribe to the "Who's Who" section and money received from the sale of the book will defray such expenses as editing, printing, postage and mailing. Biagi has not asked for renumeration for his work in compiling material and preparing the text.

HOW THE ORDER BENEFITS FINANCIALLY — An agreement with Veritas Publishers stipulates that \$1.00 of the sale price of "The Purple Aster" will be contributed to the Sons of Italy Foundation to help building of the Order's National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C. The \$1.00 represents about 60 per cent of the net profit from the sale of the book.

HOW "WHO'S WHO" WORKS — Members of the Order who desire space in this section may obtain it at a cost based on space, etc. Lodges also can participate in "Who's Who" by submitting a brief history of the lodge along with a photograph of the lodge home. All such space will be at a minimum cost and expense to the lodges taking part in the project.

WHOM TO CONTACT — Ernest L. Biagi, Sons of Italy Building, Broad and Federal Streets, Philadelphia 46, Pa.

Binghamton, N. Y. Lodges Install

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—Samuel Ruffo has been installed as venerable of Binghamton Lodge No. 487. He is serving a third consecutive term.

Other officers are, George Cioei, assistant venerable; Peter Canale, orator; Aristide D'Aristotle, recording secretary; Frank Trozzi, financial secretary; Luigi Baudio, treasurer; Samuel Pasquale, Joseph Liciandrello, Councilman Vincent P. Capozzi, John Pasquale and Nicholas DeLaurentis, trustees. Dr. Edward D'Orsogna was named lodge physician. Joseph DiLascia was named president of the board of directors.

New officers of Silver Star Lodge No. 1916 are, Mrs. Joseph Fabrizio, venerable; Mrs. Leonard Altieri, assistant venerable; Mrs. George Chisna, ex-venerable; Mrs. Frank Coloneri, orator; Mrs. Samuel Santoni, recording secretary; Mrs. Thomas Midwinter, financial secretary; Mrs. Gabriel Nanni, treasurer; Mrs. George Cecci, Mrs. Peter Canale, Mrs. Lion Mion, Mrs. Armond Palomero, Mrs. Anthony Magnotta, Mrs. Virgil Calisi, trustees; Mrs. Ralph Fabrizio and Mrs. Peter Pietrosanti, masters of ceremony.

Meet In New York To Air Problems Of Mutual Interest

By ALBERT A. MAINO

NEW YORK CITY—Top officials of the Order and the National Public Relations Committee met with officials of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at a one-day conference held in the Savoy-Hilton Hotel.

The conference was the first of a series planned between the two organizations.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss mutual problems and to work in closer harmony with other groups.

Spokesmen for the Order were Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., and A. Alfred Marcello, of Worcester, Mass., national public relations chairman and director of OSIA NEWS.

Benjamin P. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, opening the conference.

Epstein, who recently celebrated his 20th year as national director, assured the Order's officials that his organization would work in close alliance in many areas of mutual interest.

Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, director of the foreign languages department of the Anti-Defamation League, was moderator.

Welcoming remarks were made by Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, and Henry E. Schultz, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League.

Sam Elfert, chairman of the TV, film, and radio department of the Anti-Defamation League spoke on the functions of his department.

Representing the Order were Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis of Philadelphia; Albert A. Maino of Worcester, Mass., secretary of the National Public Relations Committee and managing editor of OSIA NEWS; Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia and Andrew W. Torregrossa Sr., of Brooklyn, public relations committee members; and John Frasca, of Philadelphia, editor of the Sons of Italy Times, state publication of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge.

46th Massachusetts Meeting at Historic Poland Spring, Maine

BOSTON—Delegates to the 46th Massachusetts Grand Convention, June 19, 20 and 21, will assemble at the Poland Spring Hotels in Poland Spring, Maine.

The two main buildings on the sprawling 5000 acre resort estate are the Mansion House, built in 1794, and the Poland Spring House, opened in 1876.

Among the recreational facilities offered are, golf, swimming, fishing, tennis and shuffleboard.

Poland Spring, a half-hour drive from Portland, is world-famous for its Poland Water.

Chicago Lodges List Activities

CHICAGO—Rockford Vigo Lodge No. 1637 and Skokie Valley Lodge No. 2046 have announced their activities for the year.

Vigo Lodge will hold its annual picnic, August 16; Columbus Day banquet, October 9, and Christmas party December 22.

Skokie Valley Lodge will hold its annual picnic, August 14 and its 5th anniversary dinner-dance, September 17.



From left to right, Label A. Katz, national president of B'nai B'rith; Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass.; A. Alfred Marcello of Worcester, Mass., national chairman of public relations; Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, and Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, director of the Anti-Defamation League's foreign language department.



Part of conference group, upper left to right, National Director Epstein, Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, National Public Relations Chairman Marcello, and Albert A. Maino of Worcester, Mass., secretary of the National Public Relations Committee. In the foreground, backs to camera, Supreme Financial Secretary DeMartinis, left, and Grand Recording Secretary Biagi.



From left to right, Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis of Philadelphia; Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia, member of the National Public Relations Committee; Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, and Henry E. Schultz, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League.

Bay State Hospitalization Plan to Start July 1

BOSTON—The Hospitalization Plan of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge will begin operations effective July 1, 1960.

The announcement was made by Hector D'Amato of Weymouth, chairman of the Hospitalization Commission.

Cost of enrollment in the plan is \$10 per year for each member or dependent of said member in good standing. Eligible are persons between the ages of 2 and 65.

Applications for membership are being distributed to each

lodge. Members are asked to contact their lodge collector for an application. Additional information about the plan may be requested by writing to Anita Cerchione, commission secretary, at the Grand Lodge office, 24 Province street, Boston.

Massachusetts 'First'

Grand Lodge Convention In Maine

BOSTON—The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts this month for the first time in its history will hold its Grand Convention outside of the Bay State.

The 46th annual three-day convention will be held June 19, 20 and 21 in Poland Spring, Me.

Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino of Green Harbor will preside.

The events leading to this year's convention in Maine, dates back to 1939.

The Massachusetts Grand Lodge, then under the leadership of Grand Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, presented a proposal at the 1939 San Francisco Supreme Convention to allow Grand Lodges to extend their jurisdiction beyond their borders. The proposal was approved.

In 1953, the Massachusetts Grand Lodge petitioned the Supreme Council to allow it to conduct negotiations with lodges in Maine.

After three years of negotiations, during which time a number of Maine members sat in at Bay State conventions, a merger was effectuated with two of the four Maine lodges. The first to merge was the Painsanettes Ladies' Lodge No. 2013 of Lewiston, then followed Christopher Columbus Lodge No. 880, also of Lewiston. The two lodges were granted charters of induction into the Massachusetts Order at ceremonies held in Lewiston in November 1956.

The presentations were made by Frank W. Liberatore of Fitchburg, then Supreme Trustee, and the official welcome was extended by John Guarino of East Boston, then Grand Venerable.

Grand Treasurer Jerry Leone of Newton, expansion committee chairman at the time, participated in the negotiations during the three-year period.

The merger of all Maine lodges was completed early in 1957 when the two remaining lodges, Gorizia Lodge No. 487 and Gorizettes Ladies' Lodge No. 2014, both of Rumford, were presented charters in the Massachusetts Order.

Past Grand Venerable Gorrasi, then serving as Assistant Supreme Venerable, was the speaker at the dinner held in Mexico, Me.